

Pastoral Care

This was the year that we thanked Judi Marcy and the Caring Connection for their years of service to this congregation. They have demonstrated the best of UUCSC, through ministry of love, attention, food, and much more.

So why end it, you ask?

With a growing congregation, the reality is that we needed to shift our model. It wasn't that we needed to give less care, but to be more intentional about what is committee-provided care, specifically. We revisited our guidelines and decided to return to the core mission: ministry of presence.

Ministry of presence is being with you, in support, but not in fixing. For those in deep grief and/or undergoing major illnesses, this sort of support is immensely productive. It helps provide the space for grieving and, where appropriate, acceptance.

We're also revisiting where to refer issues out, rather than attempt to address what is beyond the purpose and scope of a Pastoral Care Committee. Where there is a need for longer or more substantial support, or economic distress, there is referral to those agencies and individuals who might provide such care.

It does remain, if someone is hospitalized and in need, that we can provide up to 3 meals. We no longer provide transportation, both for reasons of liability and the challenge of coordinating that for a growing congregation. We encourage you to seek transportation from each other informally and/or with other groups of friends.

The re-formed Pastoral Care Committee meets once a month during the congregational year with Rev. DL Helfer and includes Sky Kimball, Joan Ray, Barbara Beckwith, Cindy Berry, and Sally Barney.

A reminder that Rev. DL provides one-to-one pastoral care, where appropriate.

If you are in need, please contact Rev. DL or any member of the Committee. We are grateful to be of service to you in this way.